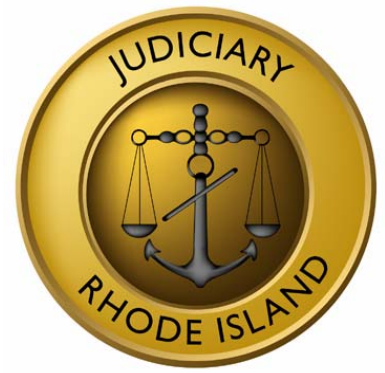


# *News Advisory*

From the Rhode Island Judiciary



## **Biechele sentencing to take place over 3 days**

**May 3, 2006:** In the matter of State of Rhode Island v. Daniel M. Biechele, Superior Court Associate Justice Francis J. Darigan Jr. has released a schedule for the sentencing proceedings that are expected to take place over three days beginning May 8.

Biechele, the band manager for Great White, pleaded guilty Feb. 7 to 100 counts of manslaughter in connection with the deaths of 100 people in the 2003 Station nightclub fire in West Warwick, R.I.

Judge Darigan will hear victim impact statements on May 8 and May 9, from the hours of 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on both days. Relatives or representatives of approximately 30 of the deceased victims of the fire have asked to give oral statements. Those statements will be given in the morning and afternoon of May 8, and the afternoon of May 9. Speakers will be allowed five minutes to present their impact statements to the Court. They have been given guidelines for the presentations, available on the Internet at <http://www.courts.ri.gov/superior/current-interest.htm>.

On the morning of May 9, a representative of the Department of Attorney General will present impact statements from additional victims who asked that this be done on their behalf.

The defendant is expected to be present all three days. Nothing is scheduled for the morning of May 10. The sentencing is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10. The sentencing will include presentations from the prosecution and the defense. The defendant will have an opportunity to address the Court before Judge Darigan gives a statement and pronounces sentence.

All proceedings will take place in Courtroom 12 on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Licht Judicial Complex, 250 Benefit St., Providence. Seating in Courtroom 12 will be limited to relatives of the deceased victims and the news media. Courtrooms 11 and 8 will be used as satellite courtrooms, where the proceedings will be transmitted onto a large screen. The proceedings will also appear live on Court TV, which is broadcast locally on the Cox Communications network on Channel 71, on the Full Channel network on Channel 80, and DIRECTV on Channel 203.

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